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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	JAN 1.8 2011
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA	JAMES N. HATTEN,
GAINESVILLE DIVISION	By: Noet

0011-CV-0007	'WCO
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NATURE OF ACTION

1. This is an action brought under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 3. Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b), where the acts and transactions giving rise to Plaintiff's action occurred in this district, (where Plaintiff resides in this district), and/or where Defendant transacts business in this district.

PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff, Cheryl Payne ("Plaintiff"), is a natural person who at all relevant times resided in the State of Georgia, County of Barrow, and City of Stratham.
 - 5. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 6. Defendant, Mercantile Adjustment Bureau, LLC ("Defendant") is an entity who at all relevant times was engaged, by use of the mails and telephone, in the business of attempting to collect a "debt" from Plaintiff, as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(5).
 - 7. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 8. Plaintiff is a natural person obligated, or allegedly obligated, to pay a debt owed or due, or asserted to be owed or due a creditor other than Defendant.
- 9. Plaintiff's obligation, or alleged obligation, owed or due, or asserted to be owed or due a creditor other than Defendant, arises from a transaction in which the money, property, insurance, or services that are the subject of the transaction were incurred primarily for personal, family, or household purposes. Plaintiff incurred the obligation, or alleged obligation, owed or due, or asserted to be owed or due a creditor other than Defendant.

- 10. Defendant uses instrumentalities of interstate commerce or the mails in a business the principal purpose of which is the collection of any debts, and/or regularly collects or attempts to collect, directly or indirectly, debts owed or due, or asserted to be owed or due another.
- 11. Defendant, in connection with an attempt to collect an alleged debt from Plaintiff, placed a telephone call to Plaintiff and left Plaintiff a voicemail message on September 13, 2010 at 6:04 A.M., a time Defendant knew, or should have known, to be inconvenient for Plaintiff. (15 U.S.C. § 1692c(a)(1)).

COUNT I

- 12. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained above.
 - 13. Defendant violated the FDCPA as detailed above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment, as follows:

- a) Adjudging that Defendant violated the FDCPA;
- b) Awarding Plaintiff statutory damages, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k, in the amount of \$1,000.00;
- c) Awarding Plaintiff actual damages, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k;
- d) Awarding Plaintiff reasonable attorneys' fees ands costs incurred in this action;

- e) Awarding Plaintiff any pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as may be allowed under the law;
- f) Awarding such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

TRIAL BY JURY

14. Plaintiff is entitled to and hereby demands a trial by jury.

This | 2 day of January, 2011.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Plaintiff,)	CIVIL ACTION
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MERCANTILE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU,) LLC	
Defendant.)	

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 5.1

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing document has been prepared in accordance with the font type and margin requirements of Local Rule 5.1 of the Northern District of Georgia, using a font type of Time New Roman and a point size of 14.

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